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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, NP, IN  
SUBJ: B.P. KOIRALA RETURNS

REF: NEW DELHI 18637

1. B.P. KOIRALA AND TWO ASSOCIATES RETURNED TO KATHMANDU TODAY DEC 30. ON THE RNAC FLIGHT FROM PATNA. GON HANDLED HIS ARRIVAL DEFTLY AND HE WAS WHISKED OFF THE PLANE SO SMOOTHLY THAT MOST OF THE SMALL, QUIET CROWD OF 60 - 80 CURIOSITY-SEEKERS, JOURNALIST, AND RELATIVES/ADHERENTS WHICH HAD GATHERED AT THE AIRPORT FINALLY BEGAN TO TURN AWAY IN CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD REALLY ARRIVED OR NOT.

2. CONTRARY TO MANY EXPECTATIONS, WHILE BEING HELD BY THE AUTHORITIES HE EVIDENTLY IS NOT BEING IMMEDIATELY CALMED INTO IRONS TO REPENT AT LEISURE. A LIKELY SPECULATION IS THAT HE WILL NOW BE WHISKED OFF TO POKHARA (WHERE KING BIREDRA IS CONCLUDING A TOUR OF THE WESTERN ZONES) FOR A MEETING WITH THE KING; AND THAT SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL TURN ON THE RESULTS OF THAT MEETING.

3. WE HAVE SEN A LEAFLET PREPARED FOR STREET DISTRIBUTION  
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AFTER HIS ARRIVAL WHICH CONSISTS OF B.P. STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR HIS RETURN. GIST OF THE STATEMENT (BEING POUCHED) IS THAT "COUNTRY IS IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY" AND THAT "NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IS NEAR AN END" DUE TO THE MACHINATIONS OF "FOREIGN ELEMENTS" AND TO INTERNAL SELFISHNESS AND GREED. SALVATION CAN ONLY COME THROUGH RECOGNIZING THE INDIVISIBLE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND NATIONALISM AND BUILDING  
A NEW NATIONAL COALITION ON THIS BASIS "TO UNITE AS ONE IN  
DEFENSE OF THE NATION".

4. THE TONE OF THE ABOVE PAMPHLET DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR  
A DETENTE BETWEEN THE KING AND KOIRALA. ASIDE FROM THE IMPLIED  
INTENT TO CONTINUE TO INSIST ON A LIBERALIZATION OF THE  
POLITICAL PROCESS, A POLICY OF OPEN ANTAGONISM TO INDIAN  
INFLUENCES IS NOT LIKELY TO BE JUDGED PRUDENT WITHIN THE  
PALACE, DESPITE THE PALACE'S OWN APPREHENSIONS OF INDIA.  
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